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See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Filing Date	May 29, 2001
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
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- iii. ☐ Other ____
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